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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Dominion Transmission Inc.

Docket Nos. CP12-19-000

CP12-20-000

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
TIOGA AREA EXPANSION AND
SABINSVILLE TO MORRISVILLE PROJECTS

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Tioga Area Expansion and Sabinsville to Morrisville Projects, proposed by Dominion Transmission Inc. (DTI) in the above-referenced dockets. DTI requests authorization to construct and operate natural gas pipelines and aboveground facilities in Pennsylvania and New York

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Tioga Area Expansion and Sabinsville to Morrisville Projects, in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed projects, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Baltimore District (COE) participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The COE can adopt the EA for its NEPA requirements when considering issuing permits for the projects under the Clean Water Act.

The proposed Tioga Area Expansion Project in Docket No. CP12-19-000 includes:

- installation of about 15 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline (TL-610-Extension 1), associated with a new valve at DTI's existing Elk Run Gate, a new pig launcher and receiver, and the removal of about

4.7 miles of DTI's previously abandoned 16-inch-diameter pipeline (LN-280) in Tioga County, Pennsylvania;

- installation of about 800 feet of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline (TL-614) in Potter County, Pennsylvania;
- installation of about 900 feet of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline (TL-615) and a new meter station in Greene County, Pennsylvania;
- upgrades within DTI's existing Boom Compressor Station, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania;
- modifications at DTI's existing Finnefrock Compressor Station in Clinton County, Pennsylvania; and
- upgrades at DTI's existing Lindley Gate in Steuben County, New York.

The proposed Sabinsville to Morrisville Project in Docket No. CP12-20-000 includes the following facilities in Tioga County, Pennsylvania:

- installation of about 3.6 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline (TL-610);
- tie-ins and piping within DTI's existing Sabinsville Gas Storage Station; and

- a tie-in to the existing Tennessee Gas Pipeline Sabinisville Meter Station.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes with an interest in the project area; potentially affected landowners; newspapers and libraries in the region; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Public Reference Room

888 First Street NE, Room 2A

Washington, DC 20426

(202) 502-8371

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more

useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before **December 31, 2012**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket numbers (CP12-19-000 and CP12-20-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must

select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing”; or

- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
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Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission’s decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply

filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but **you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP12-19). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm.

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¹ See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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